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Inventor: Peter H. Kay
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Filed: July 10, 2003
For: USE OF FLUORESCENT MOLECULAR BEACONS IN THE
DETECTION OF METHYLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS
Examiner: Jeanine Anne Goldberg
Art Unit: 1634
Docket No.: 47675-52
Date: December 1, 2005

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2005 in the above-identified Patent Application. Please extend the time for response by one month. A request for a one-month extension and a check in the amount of \$60 for the extension fee are enclosed.

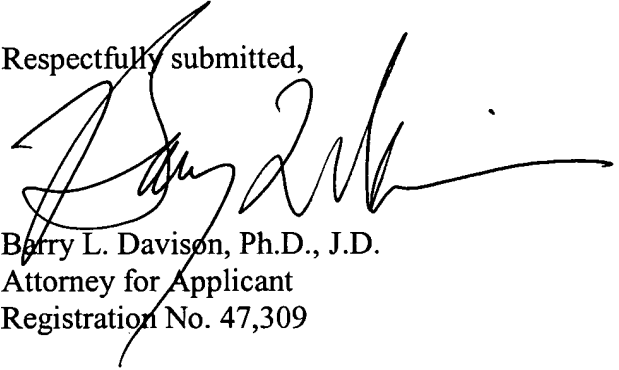
Claims 1-18 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement by the Examiner.

Group I. Claims 1-17 drawn to a method for detecting methylated nucleic acids; or

Group II. Claim 18 drawn to a kit comprising a labeled oligonucleotide with a tem loop configuration.

Applicant herein elects Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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